

approval on a case-by-case basis. This authority may not be redelegated.

(3) *Other Transition Costs.* Normally, government personnel assistance after the contract start date (to assist in transition from in-house performance to contract performance) should not be necessary. When transition assistance will not be made available, this condition should be stated clearly in the solicitation so that contractors will be informed that they will be expected to meet full performance requirements from the first date of the contract. Also, when circumstances require full performance on the contract start date, the solicitation shall state that time will be made available for contractor indoctrination prior to the start date of the contract. The inclusion of personnel transition costs in a cost comparison requires advance approval of the DoD Component's central point of contact office. This authority may not be redelegated.

(E) *Gain or Loss on Disposal/Transfer of Assets.* If more precise costs are not available from the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office or appropriate authority, then:

(1) The same factors for PCH and transportation costs as prescribed in §169a.12E(ii)(D)(1) for the costs associated with disposal/transfer of materials may be used.

(2) The estimated disposal value may be calculated from the net book value as derived from the table in Appendix C of part IV of the Supplement to OMB Circular No. A-76 (Cost Comparison Handbook), minus the disposal/transfer costs. This figure shall be entered as a gain or loss on line 11 or line 13 of the cost comparison form as appropriate.

NOTE: If a cost-benefit analysis, as prescribed in §169a.12(B)(iii), indicates that the retention of Government-owned facilities, equipment, or real property for use elsewhere in the Government is cost advantageous to the Government, then the cost comparison form shall reflect a gain to the Government and therefore a decrease to the cost of contracting on line 11 or line 13 of the cost comparison form as appropriate.

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§ 169a.16 Independent review.

(a) The estimates of in-house and contracting costs that can be computed before the cost comparison shall be reviewed by a qualified activity, independent of the Task Group preparing the cost comparison. This review shall be completed far enough in advance of the bid or initial proposal opening date to allow the DoD Component to correct any discrepancies found before sealing the in-house cost estimate.

(b) The independent review shall substantiate the currency, reasonableness, accuracy, and completeness of the inhouse estimate. The review shall ensure that the in-house cost estimate is based on the same required services, performance standards, and workload contained in the solicitation. The reviewer shall scrutinize and attest to the adequacy and authenticity of the supporting documentation. Supporting documentation shall be sufficient to require no additional interpretation.

(c) The purpose of the independent review is to ensure costs have been estimated and supported in accordance with provisions of this Instruction. If no (or only minor) discrepancies are noted during this review, the reviewer indicates the minor discrepancies, signs, dates, and returns the CCF to the preparer. If significant discrepancies are noted during the review, the discrepancies shall be reported to the preparer for recommended correction and resubmission.

(d) The independent review is not required for simplified cost comparisons.

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§ 169a.17 Solicitation considerations.

(a) Every effort must be made to avoid postponement or cancellation of CA solicitations even if there are significant changes, omissions, or defects in the Government's in-house cost estimate. Such corrections shall be made before the expiration of bids or proposals and may require the extensions of bids or proposals. When there is no alternative, contracting officers must clearly document the reason(s).

(b) Bidders or offerers shall be informed that an in-house cost estimate